**BOYLE COUNTY AGENCY FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE POLICY, INC.**

**Monthly Meeting Minutes: April 28, 2023**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Boyle County Agency for Substance Abuse Policy, Inc., was held on Friday, April 28, 2023, at 8:30 AM, at the Boyle County Health Department, 448 S. 3rd Street, Danville, Kentucky. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Christy Whitsell. Board members present: Christy Whitsell, James Hunn, Brent Blevins, and Paige Lutz. A quorum of the Board was not present. In addition, there were 27 other members in attendance. All present were welcomed, and introductions made.

**Trends, Updates, & New Program Info:**

A)Jail Planning Update: Jailer Brian Wofford shared information on current plans for the Detention Center. Fiscal Court is now moving forward with building a new jail, and are signing a contract with Brandstetter Carroll, who conducted the Jail Study in 2018. They are looking for land, and are currently discussing building up to 300 beds, in order to be reimbursed to house inmates from other counties.

B)Community Wellness, Inc.: Andrea James shared information about a new (October, 2022) corporate service provider in Danville, Community Wellness. They plan to provide remote patient programming for a variety of health conditions, and a SUD telehealth treatment program, PATH – Primary Addiction Therapy Program. The PATH program will include MOUD treatment, with drug screens done by telehealth. They will also be providing health coaching for chronic conditions and pregnancy, wellness checks, smoking cessation, and mental health services. They have not begun providing services yet and are currently hiring health coaches and tech services. Her email is: [ajames@communitywellness.com](mailto:ajames@communitywellness.com).

**Approval of Minutes of March 24, 2023, Meeting, Approval of April 28, 2023, Treasurer’s Report, and Approval of Budgeted Requests for Payment and New Requests:** Due to the lack of a quorum of the Board, action was not taken on these items.

\*Balance on Donated Funds for Treatment, Travel, Sober Living, & other purposes as approved: \_$1401.41\_

**Healing Communities Study Report Final Boyle County Summary:**  Amy Longwill, Boyle Co. Coordinator, presented final summary info on Boyle County’s participation in the Healing Communities Study. COVID was a critical intervening factor in the study. Overdose Education and distribution of Naloxone were key successes: There were 3,752 distributions of Naloxone. Free Naloxone for Boyle County is no longer available through Healing Communities, but is generally available through KORE and SAMHSA. Naloxone will probably be available OTC by mid summer. The expansion of MOUD was only partially successful in Boyle County – more outpatient providers and having the hospital start people on MOUD before leaving the ER is still a need. An identified barrier to treatment has continued to be the lack of public transportation.

Terry Dunn, whose position was created as a result of the Healing Communities Study, gave an update on EMS Overdose follow-up visits. For the months of February and March, he followed up with 50 different case situations, and made 98 home visits. There were 2 overdose deaths in Boyle County during that time period. He distributed 12 Naloxones, and dealth with 29 mental health caes. He dealt with several vaping cases, and expressed concern about youth and adults who vape, and do not know what is in their vapes. People are encouraged to report businesses who are selling vapes to youth. Terry is interested in speaking in local schools.

**Program Updates:**

-New Vista: Lori Croley reported that the Danville office is still accepting referrals for primary care, and are now providing Hep C treatment. Although not begun yet, they are in planning stages of providing MOUD in Danville office. They have a mental health crisis team located out of the Danville office.

-New Vista Prevention: Katie Gross shared that the Prevention Specialist position which serves Boyle County is currently open. A Regional Bluegrass ASAP meeting will be held in Lexington in May. The KIP survey, which was due to be held in 2023, now is being delayed until 2024.

-Syringe Exchange: Brent Blevins reported that the program continues to grow, and that they served 325 unduplicated individuals between January and March. An additional part-time contract staff person is being planned to assist in the provision of Syringe Exchange services.

-Spero Health: Christine Rowland reported that the IOP is now open. They also have a Lincoln County clinic.

-EMRMC: Connie Edwards shared information on new staff at the Behavioral Medicine unit. Two psychiatrists and 1 full-time ARNP are now providing services in the unit. A new Intake Coordinator, Amber Davis, has been hired. Some differences in clients admitted are now being seen, due to different staff. She distributed printed info for members to share with others.

-Addiction Recovery Care: Alisha Gooch is new staff person at Crown Recovery, in Springfield. They are starting a new Bridge program for detoxing. Brandon Wilson works with the jobs program of ARC, and discussed ARC’s emphasis on the importance of jobs of meaningful jobs for people in recovery, and that ARC helps clients find those occupations.

-Centro Latino: In Chris Claunch’s absence, Kathy Miles reported that Centre Latino is doing much work in partnership with U.K. to train community health workers, and addressing chronic physical diseases. The Afterschool program is ending for the school year, and some planning is going on for a summer program.

**Old Business:**

-Emergency Transitional Housing Update: In Gwen Campbell’s absence, Kathy Miles reported that there is some delay in moving forward on a homeless shelter, and we will try to get a report at our May meeting.

-Earth Day table report: Kathy Miles reported in the absence of Amy Anness and Hilary Blevins, that all Naloxone was handed out that they took to the event, and all medication lock boxes were handed out as well. There was much interest in the table’s information and free giveaways.

- Prevention Play planning for next year: No report.

- Opioid Settlement Funds Update: No updates from members, but concerns were expressed that we want to have input on those funds locally, and that our recommendations previously generated be considered in expenditures.

-Follow-up to last month’s discussion of the Ky Child Fatality and Near Fatality Report: Kathy Miles asked for input on any programs using info shared in last month’s ASAP meeting. Good resource for medication safety in the home: [www.Besmartforkids.org](http://www.Besmartforkids.org).

- Kathy Miles noted that funds are still available for Initial Peer Support training and Continuing Ed training for Peer Supports in Harm Reduction grant.

- Mental Health First Aid Training Update: Kathy Miles updated that we will postpone setting a date for a community Mental Health First Aid Training until after an Emergency Shelter opens, or is ready to open.

-Certified Recovery Ready Community Site Visit Update: Brent Blevins & Kathy Miles reported that the site visit on April 20 with two site reviewers was a good day, and a good learning experience. They thanked all ASAP members who spoke with the reviewers. We may know about the certification by our next ASAP meeting.

**New Business:**

-Danville Boyle County Development Corporation Update: Kathy Miles shared the new board structure of the Danville Boyle County Development Corporation, and that Boyle ASAP is a named organization on the Advisory Council. Issues related to economic development, such as workforce development needs, community marketing, and other related issues can be addressed to Kathy. Harold Nally is the Workforce Development staff person, and can assist ASAP members with workforce issues or questions.

-Healing Communities Virtual Learning Collaborative: “Addiction and the Media: Stigmatizing Language and Best Practices”. May 17, 11 AM. CEUs provided. To register, go to: <https://bit.ly/3Ml4wCs>. Or email Amy Longwill [Amy.Longwill@uky.edu](mailto:Amy.Longwill@uky.edu).

- Anti Stigma Training available through Healing Communities Study on You Tube: <https://youtube/S66ZhhepeZs>. Anti-stigma training was identified as a need for many aspects of our community in the Recovery Ready Community application process.

-New Start Adolescent Alcohol and Drug Treatment Center, operated by Sunrise, Bronston (Pulaski County). Serves boys, ages 12 to 17. Email: [intaker@sunrise.org](mailto:intaker@sunrise.org), or Call 606-256-1042.

-Deaf Sober Gatherings by zoom (ASL only): Every Monday, 6:30 to 7:30 EST. ID81574961747. PW: Sober.

-Free Narcan is now available for Fire Departments. Email Marie Winfrey, FR-CARA Program Coordinator, at [mariem.winfrey@ky.gov](mailto:mariem.winfrey@ky.gov).

-Brandi Hon, Kentucky Chamber of Commerce encouraged attendance at the Chamber-sponsored FairChance Academy. She is available to assist in Fair Chance/Second Chance employment issues, and will be attending our ASAP meetings. Her email: [bhon@kychamber.com](mailto:bhon@kychamber.com).

**Other Business and Announcements:**

-Child Abuse Awareness Open House: Today, 4 to 6 PM, Quest Counseling office, Odis Court, Stanford.

-“Sarah’s Heart” Bereavement Camp for Kids, June 2, 9 to 4:30. Camp Horsin’ Around. Kids ages 6 to 12. Sponsored by Heritage Hospice. No charge. Register by May 12, email to Casey Miller at [cmiller@heritagehospice.com](mailto:cmiller@heritagehospice.com).

-3K/5K Walk for Life for Haven Care Center, May 13, 8 AM, Millennium Park. To register and for more info, contact Tiffany Johnson at Haven Care Pregnancy Resource Center.

-Danville Practical Nursing Career Fair: May 15, 10 to 11:30, BCTC Campus, Danville

-Behavioral Health Academy of New Hope is offering Targeted Case Management Virtual Training on May 18 and 19. $250. Call 606-584-7055 for info.

- Compassionate Friends Support Group for Parents who are grieving the loss of a child: Meets 1st Tuesday, each month, 6 PM, at Heritage Hospice. For info, contact Dana Lawhorn at 859-319-1419

- May is Mental Health Month: Great resources at Mental Health America <https://mhanational.org/>

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy L. Miles, Secretary

**\*\*Next Meeting: May 26, 8:30 AM, at Boyle County Health Department**